

COUNTY FACILITIES COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 23, 1993, 4:00PM

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman John Keefe
Commissioner Juanita Gonzalez

OTHERS: Cliff Strassenburg
Cliff Spiller
Elmer Arnett, Recreation Dept.
Larry Philpott, Recreation Dept
Dan MacMillan, Architect
Marsha Fogle
Press

MEMBER ABSENT: Commissioner Marshall Faircloth

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Discussion: Purchase of old Lake rim Fire Department for Recreational Purposes

Cliff Strassenburg, County Manager, relayed the following information:

1. Lot size: .86 acre
2. Bldg. size: 5200 sq. feet
3. Built in 1952
4. Value: \$64,800
5. Zoning: RR

Mr. Strassenburg said this is a single purpose building, fire station, and reuse of building is extremely limited. He also said he felt it would be extremely difficult to rezone property to commercial.

Elmer Arnett noted he had visited the building. He reported the building has no heating or airconditioning, no parking and a very bad drainage problem. He also noted that his department has no monies to renovate or even personnel to put out there for recreational programs. He said his nearest ballfield to the building is about four miles. He said he did not feel it possible to utilize the building for recreational programs. He suggested a possible use would be a satelite building for rescue squad. The Committee suggested contacting Cape Fear Medical Center to let them know of the availability of said building.

2. Discussion: J.P. Riddle Stadium Improvements

Mr. Strassenburg noted there is \$100,000 in FY94 budget for improvements at the stadium. However, he said he had been notified that improvements that were to be completed in 1994, could now be delayed to 1995. He suggested that before pouring this money into the Stadium, the Board of Commissioners should decide whether or not they wished to improve the facility or move to a new location. He did recommend the Board complete paving construction in the parking lot as required by our lease with the Fayetteville Generals. Cost: \$25,000- \$30,000.

MOTION: Commissioner Gonzalez offered a motion that the Committee recommend to the Commissioners that improvements not be made, except the paving, until the Board has decided what it wants to do with the stadium.

SECOND: Commissioner Keefe

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

3. Discussion: Fourth Floor Courthouse renovations

Dan Macmillan, Architect, reviewed plans he had previously completed for renovations to the courthouse. He also presented a rough schematic plan that outlined partial construction of offices on the fourth floor. The plan included offices for the county's finance department, bathrooms, two unfinished courtrooms and other offices that could be utilized as needed. Approximate Cost: \$316,00. In order to move the Finance Department down to the fourth floor and renovate some of their space for the Data Processing Department, would cost another \$200,000. It was noted there is \$250,000 in this FY budget for renovations.

The Committee asked Mr. MacMillan to refine the plan and the numbers and report back to them. His plan would include partial completion of the fourth floor, renovations to the fifth floor and some moving of offices on the lower level, i.e. Board of Elections and Probation.

John Keefe said he thought the Board would probably appropriate another \$250,000 in next fiscal year's budget; making these renovations possible.

Once the plan has been refined and reviewed by the Committee it will go to the full Board of Commissioners for review.

5. Review of Work Orders - Review will take place at next meeting.

6. Discussion: Painting of Ceiling, replacement of tiles

Mr. Keefe said there are tiles that need to be replaced in the courthouse as well as painting of the tiles. Cliff Spiller was asked to get quotes on the cost of painting the tiles.

7. Discussion: Temporary Parking

John Keefe suggested the County consider making the parking lot on the Person Street side of the building a "temporary parking" section, one hour parking only. He said this would give the patrons of the building a place to park without having to drive around looking for spaces. He said a parking attendant would have to be provided to enforce the one hour parking limit, either by the Sheriff's Department or the County. He said he thought the plan to be worth a try since there are so many complaints regarding lack of parking space for the citizens of the county. He noted he would bring this up at the commissioners meeting.

8. Discussion: Long Term Parking - for a fee

Mr. Keefe suggested the county look into long term parking for a fee. CLiff Spiller noted the county has tried this approach several years ago and it did not work satisfactorily.

9. Other Business: Mr Spiller told the Board that the magnolia trees on the side of the courthouse were causing a problem. The root system is growing into the brick wall. He recommended the magnolia trees be removed. This item will be included on a commissioners' agenda.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:00PM